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evidence for a conviction to furnish this information to the state's attorney so that a conviction could be obtained and that the FBI, after he had been compromised by someone in the post office, said that the Bureau had no jurisdiction, which angered Finegan.

Interpen is currently under an active neutrality matters investigation by the Miami Office at the request of the Department. Interpen is headed by Gerald Patrick Hemming and we are well aware of his recent activities. This group was formerly known as the Anticommunist Legionnaires. The members have reportedly been living in the Everglades on snakes and swamp cabbage and have no housing. Miami has an informant in the organization who is an aide to Hemming and who has reported that the group consists of mercenaries, vagrants, adventurers and unreliable delinquents with an average age of about 22 years. Informant stated the group seeks publicity; has no arms, equipment or transportation; is not accepted in the Cuban revolutionary movement; and informant does not anticipate any expedition by the group. Recently this group engaged in parachute jumping in the Miami area for publicity purposes.

A number of members of Interpen have been arrested by local authorities on charges of vagrancy. Local authorities have stated these individuals have made a nuisance of themselves. One of those arrested in July was an individual named George Williams. Finegan advised the Subcommittee that he has used several names while associated with Interpen, one of which is George Williams. The George Williams who was arrested by local authorities was described as a salesman. He stated that he has asked the American Civil Liberties Union to come to the defense of those individuals arrested since he feels it is a violation of civil rights. He said his group was not attempting to violate United States neutrality statutes but he feels that neutrality laws are immoral.

Vincent Joseph Hanard was the subject of a Registration Act - Cuba case in the recent past. He was a registered agent of the Cuban Government until about one year ago. The Miami Office presently has pending cases on him and his organization, known as the "Freedom Fighters of the Americas" which is headed by Hanard. Hanard has furnished information concerning his group, and investigation in Miami as of June, 1961, failed to reveal that he is violating any United States statutes.

Information concerning Interpen and Hanard received in the past has been furnished to the Department and interested agencies.